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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM AF

1. REGRET MISUNDERSTANDING WHICH HAS ARISEN OVER THIS
EXCHANGE OF CABLES. REF B WAS IN FACT CLEARED IN AF/W.
AFTER DETAILED STUDY, AID/W FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT
NIAMEY-FADA N'GOURMA HIGHWAY PROPOSAL IS BUDGETARILY
AND LEGISLATIVELY INDEFENSIBLE AND THAT IT CANNOT
UNDERTAKE TO FINANCE ALL OR PART OF IT. WE CONCUR IN
AID/W'S DECISION AND THE RATIONALE SUPPORTING IT. GON
REQUESTED ANSWER TO ITS INQUIRY (REF E) BY FIRST WEEK
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DECEMBER. UNDER PRESSURE THIS DEADLINE, REF B WAS

CLEARED ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE QUESTION YOU HAD
POSED ON OUAGADOUGOU'S 2912, I.E. HOW WE MIGHT SHOW
OUR APPRECIATION TO THOSE AFRICAN STATES WHICH PROVED
HELPFUL IN UNGA VOTING, WAS STILL UNDER REVIEW. IN
FIRST ASSESSMENT OF VOTING PATTERN A DECISION WAS MADE
TO MAKE KNOWN OUR DISAPPOINTMENT AT VOTING POSITIONS

OF COUNTRIES WHICH MIGHT HAVE GIVEN US MORE SUPPORT.
IN SOME CASES, SPECIFIC ACTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN. IT
WAS ALSO DECIDED THAT EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION
WOULD BE MADE WHERE WARRANTED AND STATE 271435
AUTHORIZED THIS IN THE CASE OF UPPER VOLTA. THE
SPECIFIC PROBLEM OF HOW TO STRENGTHEN OUR ABILITY TO
CONDUCT MORE EFFECTIVE MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY AND
THE QUESTION YOU RAISED ABOUT SHOWING OUR APPRECIATION
FOR SUPPORT IN MULTILATERAL FORUMS BY SYMPATHETIC
CONSIDERATION OF AID REQUESTS IS A PART OF THIS
PROBLEM. IT IS RECEIVING HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION IN THE
DEPARTMENT. IT IS A LONG TERM ENDEAVOR AND,
UNFORTUNATELY, THE ROAD PROJECT COULD NOT BE
CONSIDERED IN THIS CONTEXT AND HAD TO STAND ON ITS
OWN MERITS.

2. YOU SHOULD, HOWEVER, CONVEY OUR APPRECIATION
ORALLY TO PRESIDENT LAMIZANA FOR UPPER VOLTA'S
ABSENCE FROM THE FINAL VOTE, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY
DONE SO (REF F). INGERSOLL

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